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Meet The Directors: Thomas Battles – Southeastern Region

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Hello and thank you for visiting the CRS Southeastern Regional page. My name is Tom Battles, Regional Director of the CRS Southeastern Regional Office. Our office serves the great states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

The Community Relations Service is the Department of Justice’s “peacemaker” for community conflicts related to race, color, and national origin—such as allegations of racial profiling, excessive use of force, and disparate treatment in schools. We also help communities address and prevent hate crimes involving race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Our regional team works closely with municipal officials, school districts, police departments, community organizations, religious groups, tribal communities, advocacy groups, and federal and state agencies.

With the Regional Office located in Atlanta, as well as a Field Office in Miami, our staff is well positioned to serve the diverse communities throughout the Southeastern region. I invite you to contact us at either office for more information about the services CRS can provide to assist your communities.